

HOUSE BILL 1622
By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6,
relative to municipal legislative bodies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 53, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 6-53-112.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law, private act or charter to the contrary,
each member, who is elected from a district to serve on the legislative body of any
municipality, must be elected to such office through election procedures in which all such
districts, as apportioned by or for the municipality:

(1) Assure representation of substantially equal populations and
guarantee the principle of one person/one vote in compliance with the provisions
of the Constitution of the United States; and

(2) Are reasonably compact and contiguous and do not overlap.

Furthermore, following initial apportionment of the districts, such districts must be
reapportioned at least as often as districts for the county legislative body of the county
are reapportioned to ensure compliance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of
Tennessee. All such municipal apportionments and reapportionments must be based
upon the most recent federal census.

(b) The requirements imposed by subsection (a) apply to municipal elections
occurring on or after January 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.